

State of Connecticut GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE CAPITOL HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

January 14, 2010

Ms. Kimberly Peters Acting District Manager U.S. Postal Service 141 Weston Street Hartford, CT 06101-9996

Dear Ms. Peters:

We write to you on behalf of the residents of Gales Ferry, CT, regarding the indefinite closure of the Post Office on Military Highway.

This facility was closed following heavy rains on October 29, 2009 that caused severe damage to the building, both externally and internally. The facility has now been closed for 11 weeks, despite patrons being advised by Postal Service employees that the closing would be "temporary" and lasting only days or a couple weeks. The ongoing inconvenience to local residents grows with every passing week. Most frustrating to local residents, the Postal Service has been unable or unwilling to provide any indication as to a target date for reopening.

This local post office has historically been a valuable asset to the residents and businesses of Gales Ferry. We respectfully request an update on the status of renovations and an anticipated date for the reopening. Please respond in writing at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Reynolds

State Representative

Edith Prague State Senator